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re PATENT APPLICATION of

DOEKEL et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the July 15, 2003 Official Action containing a Restriction Requirement for the above-identified application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, including claims 1-13 with traverse.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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